

# IN THE CLAIMS

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) are set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered). Please AMEND claims \* and ADD new claims \* in accordance with the following:

Claims 1-9 are **AMENDED** as follows.

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1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An ~~electronic multimedia object-document~~ management apparatus managing electronic ~~documents~~multimedia objects used/produced when performing jobs by being connected to an information management device maintaining master attribute information for a plurality types of attribute information included in said ~~documents~~electronic multimedia objects through a communication network, the attribute information relating to distribution targets of each ~~document~~electronic multimedia object for the jobs, said apparatus comprising:

- an ~~document~~electronic multimedia object storage section storing said ~~document~~electronic multimedia objects;
- a communication section acquiring information from a device connected to said communication network;
- a determination section determining, for each ~~document~~electronic multimedia object stored in said ~~document~~electronic multimedia object storage section, by reading out the master attribute information maintained by said information management device through said communication section, whether the plurality types of attribute information included in the ~~document~~electronic multimedia object conflicts with the master attribute information to manage the distribution targets of the ~~document~~electronic multimedia objects; and
- a rewriting section rewriting any of the plurality types of attribute information included in the ~~document~~electronic multimedia object when said determination section determines that the plurality types of attribute information conflicts with the master attribute information.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An ~~document~~electronic multimedia object apparatus according to claim 1, wherein each ~~document~~electronic multimedia object comprises corporate organization codes as well as corporate organization names as the plurality types of attribute

information used to manage the distribution targets of each ~~document~~electronic multimedia object;

said determination section determines that the plurality types of attribute information included in a ~~document~~electronic multimedia object conflicts with the master attribute information in a case where the corporate organization codes included in said ~~document~~electronic multimedia object are stored in the master attribute information but a combination of the corporate organization codes with the corporate organization names is not stored therein, and also in a case where the corporate organization names included in said ~~document~~electronic multimedia object are stored in the master attribute information but a combination of the corporate organization codes with the corporate organization names is not stored therein; and

said rewriting section rewrites corporate organization names in said ~~document~~electronic multimedia object when it is determined by said determination section that the plurality types of attribute information included in said ~~document~~electronic multimedia object conflicts with the master attribute information because the corporate organization codes included in said ~~document~~electronic multimedia object are stored in the master attribute information but a combination of the corporate organization codes with the corporate organization names is not stored therein, and rewrites corporate organization codes in said ~~document~~electronic multimedia object when it is determined by the determination section that the plurality types of attribute information included in said ~~document~~electronic multimedia object conflicts with the master attribute information because the corporate organization names included in said ~~document~~electronic multimedia object are stored in the master information but a combination of the corporate organization codes with the corporate organization names is not stored therein.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An ~~document~~electronic multimedia object management apparatus according to claim 2, wherein each ~~document~~electronic multimedia object is correlated to job information;

a second information management device maintaining second master attribute information, in which a corporate organization code or a corporate organization name can be retrieved using job information, is connected to the communication network; said ~~document~~electronic multimedia object managing apparatus further comprising:

a retrieving section retrieving, for each ~~document~~electronic multimedia object stored in the ~~document~~electronic multimedia object storage section, a corporate organization code or a corporate organization name correlated to job information of the ~~document~~electronic multimedia object from the second master attribute information maintained by said second information

management device through said communication section; and

a second rewriting section rewriting contents of said ~~document~~electronic multimedia object, when a combination of the corporate organization code with the corporate organization name retrieved by said retrieving section does not coincide with the combination of the corporate organization code with the corporate organization name included in said ~~document~~electronic multimedia object.

Sub 17.1 4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An ~~document~~electronic multimedia object management apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising an electronic mail outputting section outputting, when an ~~document~~electronic multimedia object is rewritten, an electronic mail to notify changing of ~~an~~the plurality types of attribute information in the ~~document~~electronic multimedia object to each department identified by the plurality types of attribute information included in ~~with~~the rewritten ~~document~~electronic multimedia object.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An ~~document~~electronic multimedia object management apparatus according to claim 2 further comprising an electronic mail outputting section outputting, when an ~~document~~electronic multimedia object is rewritten, an electronic mail to notify changing of the plurality types of attribute information in the ~~document~~electronic multimedia object to each department identified by the attribute information included in the rewritten ~~document~~electronic multimedia object.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An ~~document~~electronic multimedia object management apparatus according to claim 3 further comprising an electronic mail outputting section outputting, when an ~~document~~electronic multimedia object is rewritten, an electronic mail to notify changing of the plurality types of attribute information in the ~~document~~electronic multimedia object to each department identified by the attribute information included in the rewritten ~~document~~electronic multimedia object.

Sub 17.1 7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-readable recording medium with a computer program recorded therein causing a computer having a communication section function as an ~~document~~electronic multimedia object management apparatus managing electronic ~~document~~multimedia objects used/produced when performing jobs by being connected to an information management device maintaining master attribute information for a plurality types of attribute information included in said ~~document~~electronic multimedia objects

through a communication network, the attribute information relating to distribution targets of each ~~document~~electronic multimedia object for the jobs, said apparatus comprising:

an ~~document~~electronic multimedia object storage section storing said ~~document~~electronic multimedia objects;

a determination section determining for each ~~document~~electronic multimedia object stored in said ~~document~~electronic multimedia object storage section by reading out the master attribute information maintained by said information management device through said communication section whether the plurality types of attribute information included in the ~~document~~electronic multimedia object conflicts with the master attribute information to manage the distribution targets of the ~~document~~electronic multimedia objects; and

a rewriting section rewriting any of the plurality types of attribute information included in the ~~document~~electronic multimedia object when said determination section determines that the plurality types of attribute information conflicts with the master attribute information.

Sub 17 8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer system in communication with an information management system and managing ~~document~~electronic multimedia object distribution, comprising:

a processor storing in a storage unit ~~document~~electronic multimedia objects and a plurality types of job attribute information of the ~~document~~electronic multimedia objects to manage distribution targets of the ~~document~~electronic multimedia objects, retrieving master job attribute information of the ~~document~~electronic multimedia objects from the information management system, determining whether the plurality types of job attribute information of each ~~document~~electronic multimedia object conflicts with the master job attribute information, and updating the plurality types of job attribute information of each ~~document~~electronic multimedia object when determined that the plurality types of job attribute information of each ~~document~~electronic multimedia object conflicts with the master job attribute information.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system to manage electronic ~~document~~multimedia objects used/produced when performing jobs, comprising:

servers connected to a network and storing master attribute information relating to distribution targets of each ~~document~~electronic multimedia object for jobs to be performed; and

a processor in communication with the servers via the network and storing in a storage unit electronic ~~document~~multimedia objects used/produced when performing the jobs and storing plurality types of attribute information of the ~~document~~electronic multimedia objects to

manage distribution targets of the ~~document~~electronic multimedia objects, retrieving the master attribute information of the ~~document~~electronic multimedia objects from the servers, and updating the plurality types of attribute information of each ~~document~~electronic multimedia object responsive to a conflict between the plurality types of attribute information of each ~~document~~electronic multimedia object and the master attribute information.

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